

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:** Hodge et al.

**Application No.** 10/535,523

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**For:** CELL LINES AND HOST NUCLEIC ACID  
SEQUENCES RELATED TO  
INFECTIOUS DISEASE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This responds to the Office action dated June 25, 2009. A three-month shortened period of response was set, making a response timely if filed on or before September 25, 2009.

Applicants hereby petition that the period for reply be extended through **December 25, 2009**.

The three-month extension fee is being paid electronically from Deposit Account 02-4550. If any additional fees are required in connection with this filing, please charge the required fees or credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account.

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